



Wisdom of the Elders

Committed to Native American cultural sustainability, multimedia education and race reconciliation

Wisdom Workforce Development Internship Program

Wisdom of the Elders, Inc. is working with several collaborative partners to provide environmental assessment and habitat restoration training opportunities for Portland's Native American community.

The Wisdom Workforce Development Internship Program has been developed to engage Native American adults in the Portland area with specialized conservation workforce training in conjunction with service learning activities in local natural areas plus a job pipeline to environmental career pathways. We are providing a holistic approach to habitat restoration by integrating traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) with conventional environmental science. This program will strengthen workers' environmental readiness skills, health and wellness and cultural identity, and opportunities for living wage jobs.

Please contact Wisdom of the Elders if you are interested in one of eight Wisdom Workforce Development Internships. You will complete this three-month training from March through May 2017 on Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 am to 5 pm, including:

- ❖ Classroom training using Wisdom's culturally-tailored multimedia curriculum in environmental assessment and habitat restoration, traditional First Foods, native plants, traditional ecological knowledge, science ecological knowledge, invasive species, climate issues, workforce readiness, career pathways planning and field safety
- ❖ Service learning activities in local natural areas
- ❖ Receive a monthly stipend
- ❖ Be eligible for hire by Wisdom Workforce Development, LLC after you earn your WWD Certificate of Completion where you receive a living wage (\$15 hour) as a crew member of our Native team
- ❖ Create a career pathway plan while receiving referrals to jobs, internships and job shadowing opportunities with local environmental agencies, watershed councils and other organizations

Native American applicants 18 years or older who have a high school diploma, a GED or higher education, and are interested in environmental science, natural resource development, and land stewardship, are welcome to apply. We are grateful for funding from Metro, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District and the Portland Development Commission.

Contact Rose High Bear at (503) 775-4014 or email roseshb@wisdomoftheelders.org. There is additional information and updates weekly at our website: <http://www.wisdomoftheelders.org/wisdomworkforce/interns/>

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Wisdom Workforce Development 2017 Internship Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ *City State ZIP Code*

Phone: _____ Email _____

Social Security No.: _____ Tribal Affiliation: _____

Are you able to work with and around youth? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Education

High School: _____ Address (city, state): _____

Did you graduate? YES NO GRE YES NO Year: _____

College: _____ Address (city, state): _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

Other: _____ Address (city, state): _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Degree: _____

References

Please list two educational or professional references.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Health Background

Please share any health issues
(diabetes, heart condition, immune
disorder etc.)

Allergies (medications, plants, insects,
etc.) _____

Previous injuries: _____ Current injuries/limitations: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone Number: _____

Disclaimer and Signature

_____ *I agree to fulfill the required work schedule of 24 hours a week for 12 weeks (March-May).*

_____ *I understand that we start and end each day at Wisdom's office and that I am responsible to arrive at 9:00 am, and that I will arrive 10-15 minutes early so I am ready for class or service learning. I agree to stay through the end of each day's training until 5:00 pm.*

_____ *I understand that a monthly stipend is provided as long as I complete classroom education and service learning training in local natural areas.*

I have attached or will provide my resume to Wisdom Workforce Development staff.

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you are interested in applying or have questions about the WWD Program, please contact Wisdom of the Elders, Inc. (Wisdom) at (503) 775-4014. You can make an appointment with us to discuss the program and if it might be right for you. You can also look at the Wisdom website for updates at www.wisdomoftheelders.org.